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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATION

1. SUMMARY: ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF INTERIM MILITARY COMMITTEE, MINISTERS, AND DEPUTY-MINISTERS VISITED BULGARIA, MARCH 4-10. BULGARIA REPORTEDLY AGREED TO OFFER SOME AID AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, BUT IT APPEARS THERE WAS NOT A COMPLETE MEETING OF MINDS. END SUMMARY.

2. ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION CONSISTED OF FOLLOWING: MEMBER OF INTERIM MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (IMAC) AND LEADER OF DELEGATION, CAPT. SISAY HABTE; IXCC MEMBER BEUKETU KASA, MINISTER FOR POST AND COMMUNICATIONS TEKALIN GEDAMU; MINISTER OF NATIONAL RESOURCES NHTKBRATE MENGISTU; MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE,

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INDUSTRY, AND TOURISM, ASHAGRE IGLETIJ DEPUTY MINISTER

OF DEFENSE KIFLE UORKU; AND DIRECTOR IN MINISTRY OF PLANNING, SHIFERAU ZHAMO. (ALL NAMES PHONETIC TRANSLITERATIONS FROM BULGARIAN.)

3. BULGARIAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO MEMBER AND FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER TANO TSOLOV. MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN TRADE, AGRICULTURE, MINERAL RESOURCES, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS WERE REPRESENTATED ON DELEGATION. HEAD OF STATE AND BCP TODOR ZHIVKOV ALSO RECEIVED ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION.

4. IN TOAST AT WELCOMING DINNER HABTE SAID GOAL OF VISIT WAS TO INFORM HOSTS OF "EVENTS IN ETHIOPIA, TO STUDY POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND OTHER FIELDS, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH STRUCTURE OF YOUR (BULGARIAN) ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE".

5. JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED MARCH 12 STATED THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS DEVOTED TO FIELDS OF AGRO-INDUSTRY, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EXPANSION OF TRADE. IT FURTHER NOTED "IN RESPONSE TO ETHIOPIAN REQUEST", GOB "AGREED TO PURCHASE SOME GOODS, TO SEND TO ETHIOPIA A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SPECIALISTS AND TO RENDER OTHER ASSISTANCE".

6. ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS THE COMMUNIQUE WELCOMED DECOLONIALIZATION OF PORTUGESE TERRITORIES IN AFRICA; CONDEMNED "RACIST REGIMES" IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA; "REITERATED THEIR RESOLVE" TO RENDER POLITICAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT PEOPLES' STRUGGLES AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEOCOLONIALISM, RACISM AND APARTHEID; REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLE OF ARAB PEOPLES IN NEAR EAST; AND STRUGGLE OF PEOPLE OF CYPRUS FOR INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

7. COMMENT: COMMUNIQUE SAYS TALKS TOOK PLACE IN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND THAT BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF TALKS. DESPITE EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF VISIT, BRIEFNESS OF COMMUNIQUE
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IQUE PLUS RESTRAINED LANGUAGE SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS FAR FROM A COMPLETE MEETING OF MINDS. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN ON BULGARIAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. DELEGATION DEPARTED BULGARIA FOR ROMANIA.
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